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SUBJ: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY DAHOMEAN GOVT

REF STATE 146681

1. DAHOMEY DOES NOT TRY TO RESTRICT EXPORTS BUT RATHER TO ENCOURAGE THEM. SINCE MOST OF ITS EXPORT ARE LIMITED TO A SMALL RANGE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, THIS ENCOURAGEMENT TAKES THE FORM OF SUPPORTING PRODUCER PRICES FOR FARMERS WHO GROW CASH CROPS. THE STATE DOES HAVE THE MONOPLY ON THE EXPORTS OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND ON CEMENT, BUT THESE MONOPOLIES SERVE MORE AS ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS THAN RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. A) PRODUCTS: AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (CHIEFLY COTTON-SEED--TARIFF SCHEDULE OF US NUMBER --175.15, GENERAL COTTON--300.10, PALM OIL--176.34, PALM KERNEL OIL--176.30, COFFEE--160.10, COCOA --156.10, CASHEWS--145.44, AND PEANUTS--145.48

B) NATURE OF MEASURES: STATE EXPORT MONOPOLY

C. DATE OF INTRODUCTION: SYSTEM ORIGINALLY SET UP IN 1967

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D. DURATION: INDEFINITE

E. REASONS FOR INTRODUCTION OF EXPORT CONTROLS; MAXIMIZE EXPORT RECEIPTS BY CENTRALIZED MARKETING; COORDINATE EXPORT SALES IN STATE HANDS; PROVIDE NEEDED SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR STATE BUDGET.

F. EFFECT ON TRADE: NEGLIGIBLE, SINCE VOLUME OF DAHOMEY'S EXPORTS IS QUITE SMALL COMPARED TO WORLD MARKET VOLUME IN THESE GOODS. MOST PRODUCTS ARE EXPORTED EITHER TO WESTERN EUROPE OR TO CHINA (FOR COTTON).

3. A) PRODUCT: CEMENT--TSUS NUMBER 511.14

B. NATURE OF MEASURE: STATE EXPORT MONOPOLY

C. DATE OF INTROUCTION: 27 JUNE 1975

D. DURATION: INDEFINITE

E. REASONS FOR INTRODUCTION OF EXPORT CONTROLS: STATE SHARE IN CEMENT FACTOR WAS INCREASED FROM 25 TO 50 PERCENT; DOMESTIC AND EXPORT SALES OF CEMENT GIVEN TO STATE MARKETING AGENCY IN ORDER TO INCREASE SHARE OF PROFITS FROM CEMENT SALES TAKEN BY STATE.

G. EFFECT ON TRADE: NONE, AS OF YET. ALMOST ALL EXPORTS OF CEMENT FROM DAHOMEY ARE TO NIGERIA, WHICH HAS SUCH A HUGE DEMAND FOR CEMENT THAT THE EFFECT ON THIS MARKETING ARRANGEMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE FELT. EXPORT SALE PRICE MAY INCREASE SLIGHTLY, - ?75 ,8&348-, :7 59.34 28)) 28))8,&)6 -?SORB THE HIGHER PRICE.

4. FOR OTHER PRODUCTS, AN EXPORT LICENSE IS REQUIRED FROM THE DAHOMEAN GOVT. THIS LICENSE AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED UPON PRESENTATION AND QUANTITY OF GOODS TO BE EXPORTED. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID PAYMENT OF EXPORT DUTIES AT THE FRONTIER, MANY TRADERS SMUGGLE THEIR GOODS ACROSS THE RELATIVELY UNPATROLLED BORDER TO NIGERIA.

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5. IN GENERAL, DAHOMEAN GOVT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORTS ARE BOTH FLEXIBLE AND EASILY MET GIVEN THE GOVT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS.  
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